

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-2, 4-21, 25, 26 and 28-31 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 21, 26 and 31 being the independent claims. Claims 25 and 28 are sought to be amended. These changes are believed to add no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow the present application.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable claims 1, 2, 4-21, 26, 30 and 31.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 112, Second Paragraph

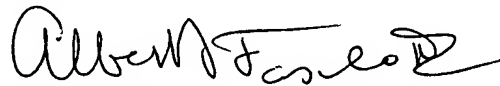
Claim 25 is amended to depend from allowed claim 21 instead of canceled claim 23, and is therefore now allowable.

Claim 28 is amended to depend from allowed method claim 26, instead of apparatus claim 21, and is therefore now allowable.

Claim 29 depends from claim 28, and is therefore also allowable.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully Submitted,



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